

Testimony Centers Around Date Of Mrs. Brame's Death

Indictment Against Commissioner Is Again Ruled Out

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Testimony centering around the July 10 slaying of Mrs. Felix J. Brame and the police investigation which followed formed the bulk of testimony given Wednesday by 11 witnesses called by the state in the Roseburg trial of Brame, the 46-year-old Grants Pass man charged with first degree murder.

The state was expected to wind up its case sometime today and hand the initiative over to defense attorney Robert B. Duncan.

Of the 11 witnesses for the prosecution, seven were material witnesses who were at or near the scene when Mrs. Brame was fatally shot across the street from her Grants Pass residence.

The trial's lone moment of unbridled emotion thus far occurred at mid-afternoon when the state called Brame's 15-year-old daughter, Camilla, to the stand.

The tall, pretty girl managed to remain composed through the first few questions asked by special prosecution attorney Paul Geddes. She seemed to purposefully avoid looking at her father.

Tears Mark Testimony

Then, suddenly, both Camilla and the defendant broke into tears.

Circuit Judge Orval J. Millard immediately called a 15-minute recess. When the questioning resumed, Camilla, although still visibly shaken, answered with little trouble.

The attorneys confined their examination of the girl to questions concerning events leading up to the shooting.

In answer to a question by Ged-

des regarding Camilla's relationship with her father in the weeks preceding the shooting, she said she had visited him occasionally although a court order giving temporary custody of the Brame children, Camilla and Patrick, then 13, to Mrs. Brame prohibited such visits.

"I wasn't supposed to see him, but I didn't see anything wrong with it," she said.

Custody Argued

She related that Brame argued about custody of the children with Mrs. Brame at the front door of Mrs. Brame's residence at about 7 p.m. the night of the shooting. Camilla said Brame asked for two typewriters which were in the house. Mrs. Brame allowed him to carry one of the typewriters to his car and Camilla said she carried the other one out.

"I asked if I could have one of them for school work," said the Brame girl. "He said I could if I'd go live with him."

Wanted To Talk

"I was told to go into the bedroom so they could talk. He said he wanted to talk in the car," she added.

Testimony by other witnesses indicated the shooting occurred only a few minutes later.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shelton, 14-year-old Jeanne Harris, Mrs. Ellsworth Ring and Mrs. Eva Howell told what they saw and heard the evening of Mrs. Brame's death. All were neighbors of Mrs. Brame at the time of the shooting.

Their testimony indicated that Brame visited his wife's residence

twice in the two hours preceding the shooting.

Then, after Mr. and Mrs. Brame were seen going to Brame's car a woman's scream and a series of shots was heard, said neighbors. No one actually witnessed the shooting. However, Mrs. Ring said she saw Mrs. Brame crumple into the gutter beside Brame's car.

Brame Arrested

Shelton, a Josephine County deputy, said he arrested Brame minutes after the shooting.

John Smith, a Grants Pass police sergeant, testified that he was called to the scene. He said he put handcuffs on Brame at Shelton's request and later took Brame to the police station in a squad car.

Smith said he was told by Brame that the shooting followed an argument which resulted from Brame's attempt at reconciliation. Mrs. Brame had filed for divorce in April.

After Brame had talked with Smith at the station, the sergeant related, Brame went into "a sort of a state of shock."

He said Brame "acted very normal" for awhile and was so cooperative that Smith took off the handcuffs. But, shortly before Brame was transferred to the sheriff's office that night, said Smith, he became "depressed," refusing to talk and acting "real nervous."

Officers Take Stand

Other witnesses included Clark Johnson, state police investigator from Salem; Louis Ringett and George Eckstein, Josephine County deputies, and John Wetterau, Josephine County juvenile officer. Johnson, Ringett and Eckstein all testified about the finding and handling of the .45 caliber revolver allegedly used in the shooting and the cartridges, slugs and portions of bullets found at the scene.

Wetterau said Brame had visited him the morning of July 10 and had inquired about a children's home in Kentucky. He said he was told by Brame that the inquiry was a precaution Brame was taking in case he later was awarded custody of the children.

The proceedings were held up for nearly one hour in the afternoon by troubles encountered by the attorneys in classifying and entering evidence. After a lengthy recess during which the attorneys conferred in private, the situation was resolved by formulation of a pair of stipulations.

SEEK COMMITTEE JOBS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Neuberger (D-Ore.) and his wife, Maurine, will run for re-election this year as precinct committeemen and precinct committeewomen.

For several years they have held positions in Multnomah County's 57th precinct.

PENDLETON (AP) — Circuit Judge George Duncan ruled Wednesday that an indictment charging Umatilla County Commissioner Roscoe Kelley with improperly offering an officer a gift does not state facts constituting a crime.

The Salem judge sent his ruling here by mail on a demurrer to the indictment filed earlier by Kelley's attorney.

Duncan said he will dismiss the indictment against Kelley if Dist. Atty. John Walker does not resubmit the matter to a grand jury within 10 days.

Walker said he will not reach a decision before the end of the week on whether he will ask another grand jury to consider the case.

The grand jury indictment charged Kelley "of the crime of corruptly offering and promising to give an officer a gift with the intent to influence the officer in his official conduct."

The indictment was returned after a merchant patrolman and sheriff's deputy said he was offered \$250 to testify that Pendleton police broke into a warehouse where pinball machines were stored.

City police said that at the time of their raid a door of the warehouse was standing open.

In his ruling Wednesday, Judge Duncan also upheld the defense contention that a sheriff's deputy is not required to make a report to the district attorney.



TATTOO decorates the foredeck of Dave Gilman, who plays Billis on alternate nights in Douglas High School's production of "South Pacific," playing this weekend at the school. Performing artist on Gilman is George Finney, artist for the high schoolers.

Roseburg Schools' Lunch Menu Listed For March

Roseburg Public Schools' lunch menu for March will be:

March 3-7

MONDAY — Macaroni & Cheese, Bt. Green Beans, Tomatoes, Peanut Br. Sandwich, Spiced Coffee Cake, Milk.

TUESDAY — Hamburger Gravy on Mashed Potatoes, Buttered Carrots, Hot Corn Bread or Biscuits, Apricot Halves, Milk.

WEDNESDAY — Chili, Coleslaw, Peaches, Hot Rolls & Bt., Milk.

THURSDAY — Meat Pie, Tossed Salad, Grapefruit, Bread & Butter, Milk.

FRIDAY — Creamed Tuna on Rice, Buttered Corn, Celery & Carrot Sticks, Apple Pie-Cheese, Bread & Butter, Milk.

March 10-14

MONDAY — Italian Spaghetti, Buttered Peas, Gingerbread, Peanut Butter San., Milk.

TUESDAY — Scalloped Potatoes, Sliced Cheese, Harvard Beets, Applesauce, Bread & Butter, Milk.

WEDNESDAY — Boiled Beans, Tossed Green Salad, Purple Plums, Hot Rolls-Bt., Milk.

THURSDAY — Spanish Rice,

Green Beans, Fruit Jello, Bread & Butter, Milk.

FRIDAY — No School, Teachers In Service.

Spring Vacation March 17-21

March 24-28

MONDAY — Macaroni & Cheese, Buttered Peas, Apple Crisp, Peanut Br. Sandwich, Milk.

TUESDAY — Beefstew, Tossed Salad, Peas, Hot Corn Bt.-Bt., Milk.

WEDNESDAY — Spanish Gr. Beans, Spinach, Jello with whipped Cr., Hot Rolls-Bt., Milk.

THURSDAY — Meat Pie with Cheese Puff Topping, Coleslaw, Bread & Butter, Peaches, Milk.

FRIDAY — Tuna & Noodles, Buttered Corn, Carrots & Raisins, Bread & Butter, Chocolate Cake, Milk.

March 31-Apr. 4

MONDAY — Talarini, Buttered Peas, Hot Corn Bread and Butter, Purple Plums, Milk.

TUESDAY — Hamburger Gravy on Mashed Potatoes, Whole Kernel Corn, Grapefruit, Bread & Butter, Milk.

WEDNESDAY — Chili, Spinach, Hot Rolls-Bt., Applesauce, Milk.

THURSDAY — Barbecued Beef on Toast Strips, Tossed Salad, Banana Pudding, Bread & Butter, Milk.

FRIDAY — Tuna Sandwich, Green Beans with Cheese Sauce, Upside-down Cake, Milk.

Saturday Dinner Set At Sunnydale Grange

The Drain High School Dance Band will play at the Sunnydale Grange Hall Saturday evening.

The evening will begin with a dinner from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Dancing and cards will furnish entertainment for the evening. Proceeds of the dinner will be turned over to the Drain City Improvement Fund. The high school band, under the leadership of Mr. Harmon, will also furnish music during the dinner.

The Sunnydale Grange hall is located about 5 miles west of Drain, on highway 38.

Oregon May Relieve Tax On Washington People

OLYMPIA (AP) — The Oregon State Tax Commission plans to sponsor legislation calling for some tax relief for Washingtonians who work in Oregon, William S. Schumacher, Washington Tax Commission chairman, said Tuesday.

The measure, planned for introduction during Oregon's next legislative session, would put Washington residents on a par with Oregonians in paying the Oregon income tax, Schumacher said.

Washington residents now paying the Oregon income tax, he explained, may list personal exemptions but cannot take the standard deduction allowed Oregonians. The proposed bill would allow standard deductions by residents of both states on an equal basis.

Schumacher said tax commissions from both states discussed the problem at Salem Monday.

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Shirley Temple Makes Full Debut On Television

NEW YORK (AP) — Shirley Temple played her first full-length dramatic role on television last night in a somewhat padded version of Washington Irving's "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow."

On the whole it was an entertaining hour, though the classic tale surely held no surprises for anyone.

Mrs. Temple stepped down from her previous position as the narrator of Shirley Temple's Storybook. In her place was Boris Karloff, bewigged, urbane and the opposite of spooky.

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